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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: DRAFT LETTER TO AMBASSADOR WURTH

REF: A) GENEVA 7183

B) JURICH/JOHNSTON TELECONS

1. THE MISSION DELIVERED ON NOVEMBER 28 TO MEYNELL AT THE COMMISSION THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT LETTER FROM PHELAN TO CHAIRMAN WURTH OF THE TSB.

2. THE TEXT OF PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 5 OF THE LETTER WERE INDENTICAL WITH REFTEL. THE TEXTS OF PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 AS MODIFIED BY REF B WERE AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES BELIEVED THEN AND CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT INCREASED ACCESS ON ORDERLY TERMS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRY MARKETS WAS THE CENTRAL AIM OF THE NEGOTIATORS. IN ITS SUSTAINED EFFORT TO RENEGOTIATE ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS INTO CONSONANCE WITH THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS DONE ITS BEST TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM, AN EFFORT WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN UNDER ANY OTHER INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 4 PARAGRAPH 2. AS EVERYONE RECGONIZES, IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AIM THERE ARE MANY ELEMENTS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED DURING THE COURSE OF A BILATERAL NEGOTIATION, SUCH AS THE NATURE OF THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S MARKET, THE COMPOSITION AND CAPABILITY

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OF BOTH IMPORTINAND EXPORTING COUNTRIES' INDUSTRIES, OTHER FORMS

OF EXISTING IMPORT RESTRAINTS, IF ANY, AND THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF IMPORTS ON THE IMPORTING COUNTRY.

FURTHER, THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED AT THE OUTSET THAT THERE HAD TO BE SOME ELEMENT OF "REAL RISK OF MARKET DISRUPTION" IN THE NEGOTIATION OF AN ARTICLE 4 BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND, BY EXTENSION, SOME ELEMENT OF SELECTIVITY, AND THE UNITED STATES INCORPORATED THIS CONCEPT IN OUR COMPREHENSIVE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BY DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN THOSE CATEGORIES WHICH ARE MOST SENSITIVE AND THOSE WHICH ARE LESS SENSITIVE. IN PURSUIT OF THIS RECOGNITION, THE UNITED STATES HAS NEGOTIATED SPECIFIC LIMITS IN ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ONLY ON THOSE CATEGORIES OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS WHERE BOTH PARTIES TO THE BILATERAL HAVE RECOGNIZED A RISK OF MARKET DISRUPTION. WE HAVE, THEREFORE, IN A CONCRETE SENSE, WITHIN THE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK, RECOGNIZED THE ELEMENT OF SELECTIVITY. AT THE SAME TIME, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE 4 CONSTITUTE THE PRICE TO BE PAID BY THE IMPORTING COUNTRY FOR COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS. IN TERMS OF INCREASED MARKET ACCESS UNDER ORDERLY CONDITIONS, THIS CONCEPT OF ARTICLE 4 CAN AND SHOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO BOTH EXPORTING AND IMPORTING COUNTRIES AND TO WORLD TEXTILE TRADE IN GENERAL. END TEXT.MYERSON

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